

DRILLED SHAFT CONSTRUCTION METHODS, EQUIPMENT, & MATERIALS

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**WSDOT ONE-DAY DRILLED SHAFT
DESIGN WORKSHOP**

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CONSTRUCTION METHODS



General Drilled Shaft Construction Methods



1. “Dry” Method

2. “Wet” Method

3. Casing Method

Dry Method



- *Used when boreholes will stand open*
- *Visual inspection of borehole*
- *Faster and less expensive than other methods*

Wet Method



- *Used if caving or water-bearing soils are present near base elevation*
- *Direct, visual inspection not possible*
- *Contractor skill is essential*

FUNCTIONS OF SLURRY

- **Maintain stability of the excavation**
- **Prevent suspended particles from settling to the bottom**
- **Allow clean displacement by concrete**
- **Allow easy pumping**

Casing Method



- *Near-surface soils may cave / deep soils or rock are stable and dry*
- *Otherwise, full-depth casing (or wet method) is considered*

Full-Depth Casing Alternates



- Duplex Drilling
- Casing Vibration
- Casing Telescoping
- Casing Oscillation
- Casing Rotation



DBM
CM







CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT



Basic elements of a drilled shaft rig



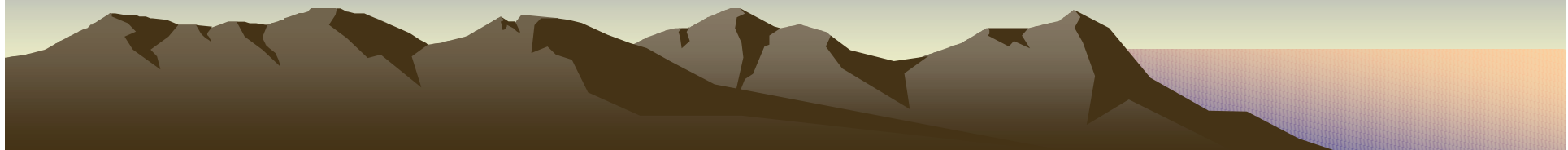
Power Source
(diesel engine)

Rotary Table

Kelly Bar

Drilling Tool







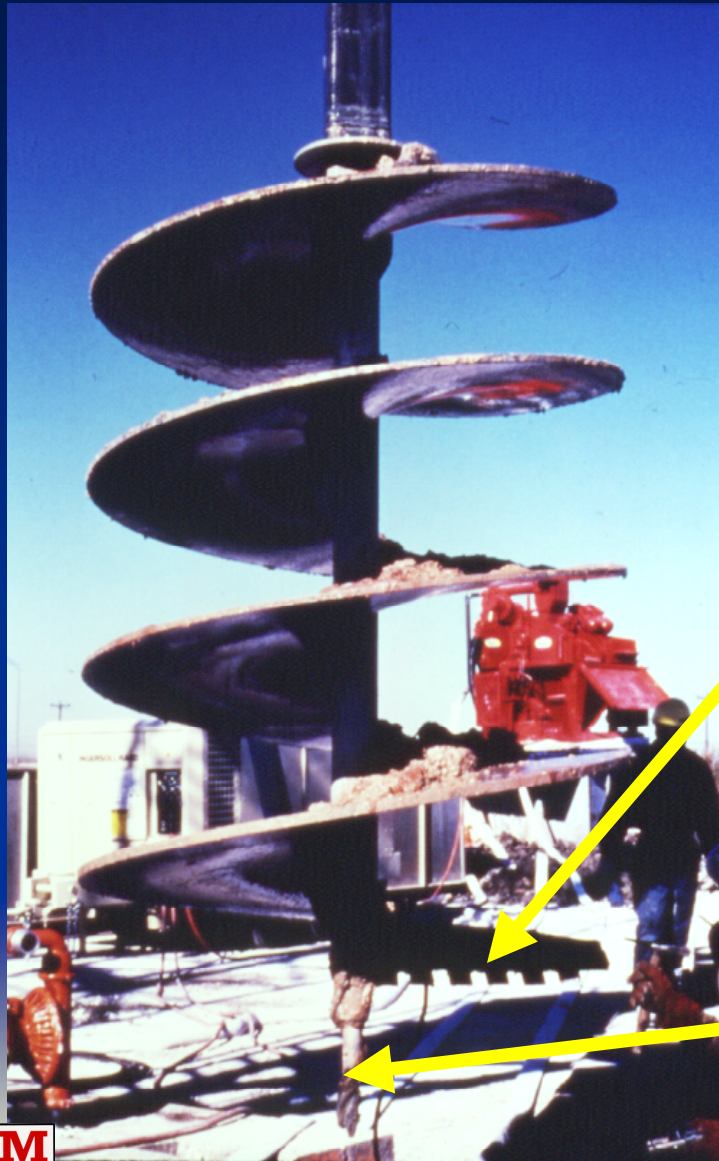




Drilling Tools

- Choice of **tools** may be more important than choice of **rigs**

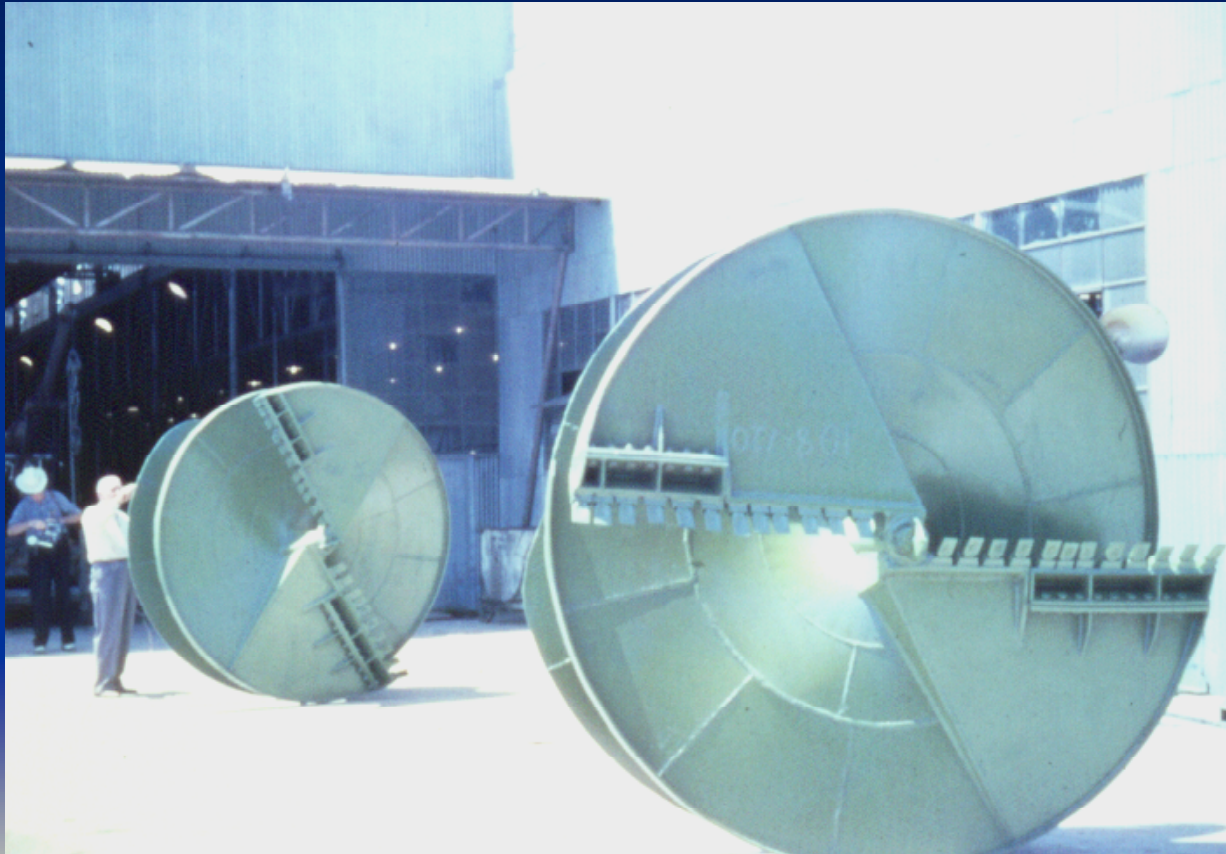
Single-Helix Soil Auger



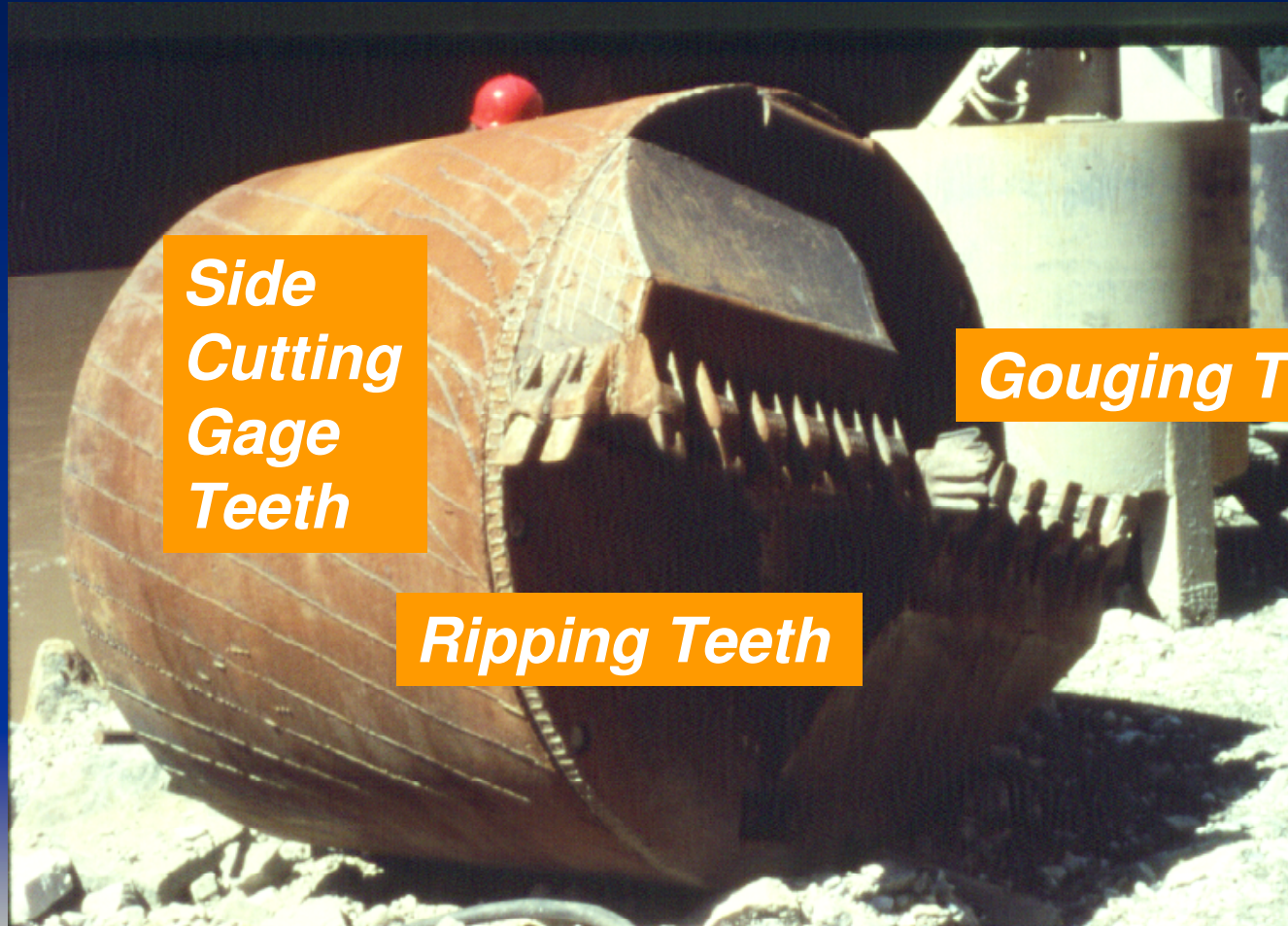
Soil Teeth (Blunt / Wide)

Guide Shaft (“Stinger”)

Double-Helix Soil Auger



Drilling Bucket



***Side
Cutting
Gage
Teeth***

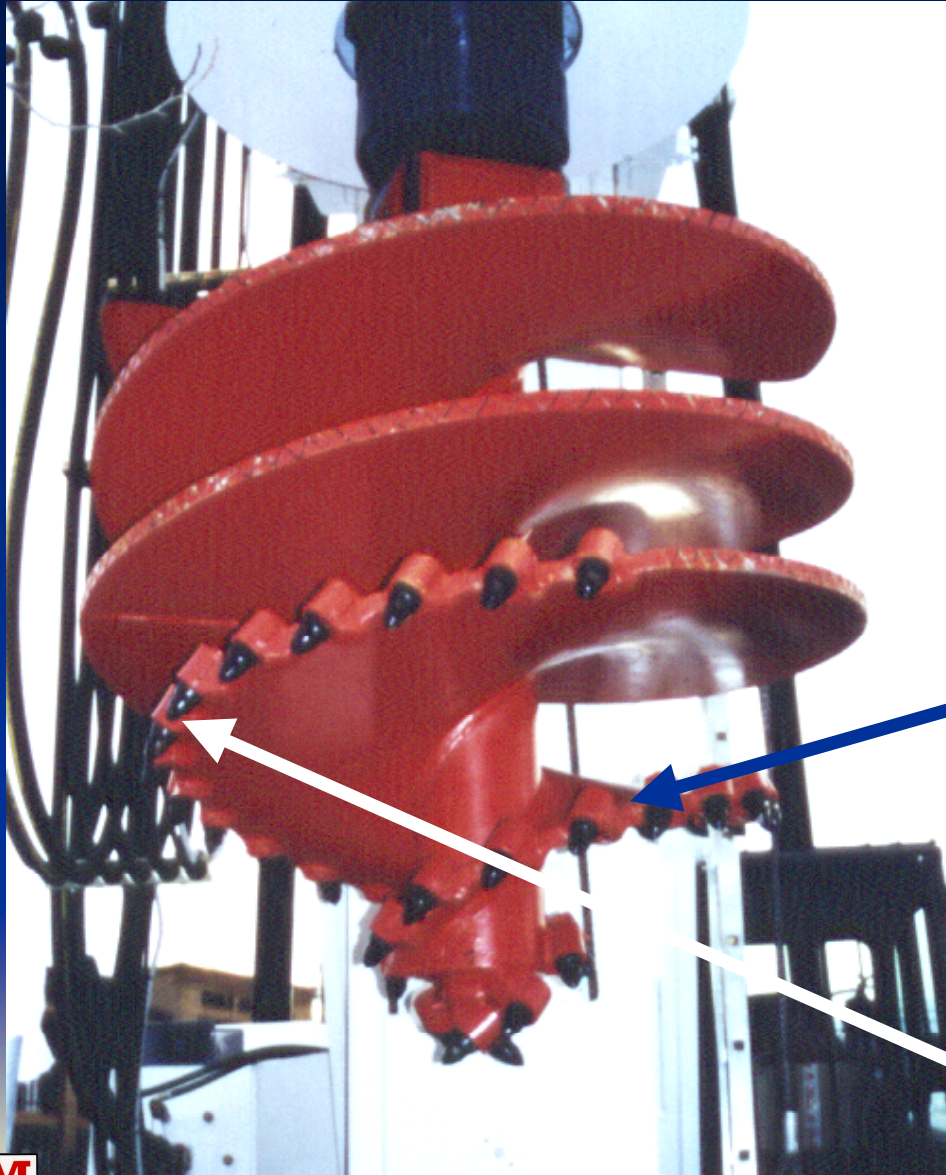
Gouging Teeth

Ripping Teeth

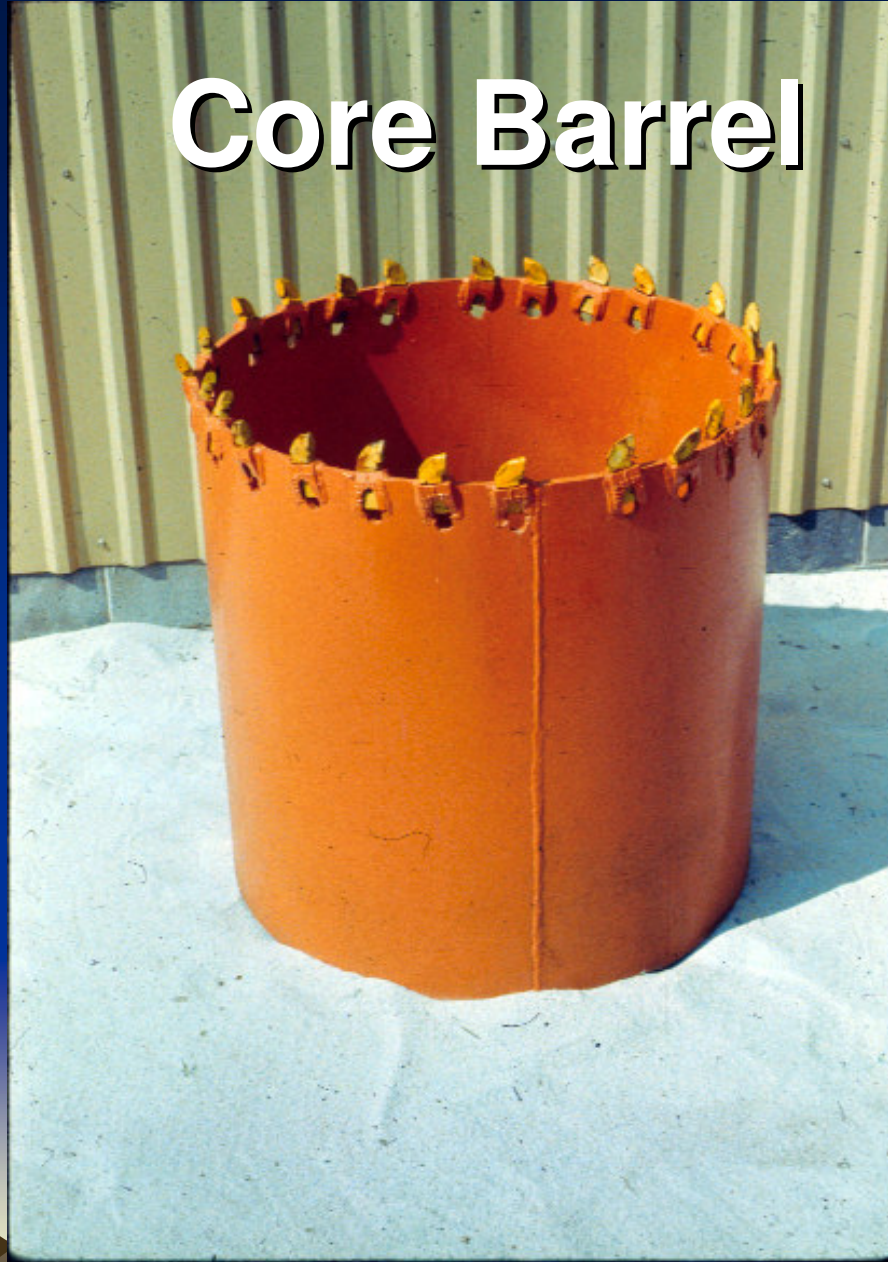
Rock Auger

Tapered Geometry

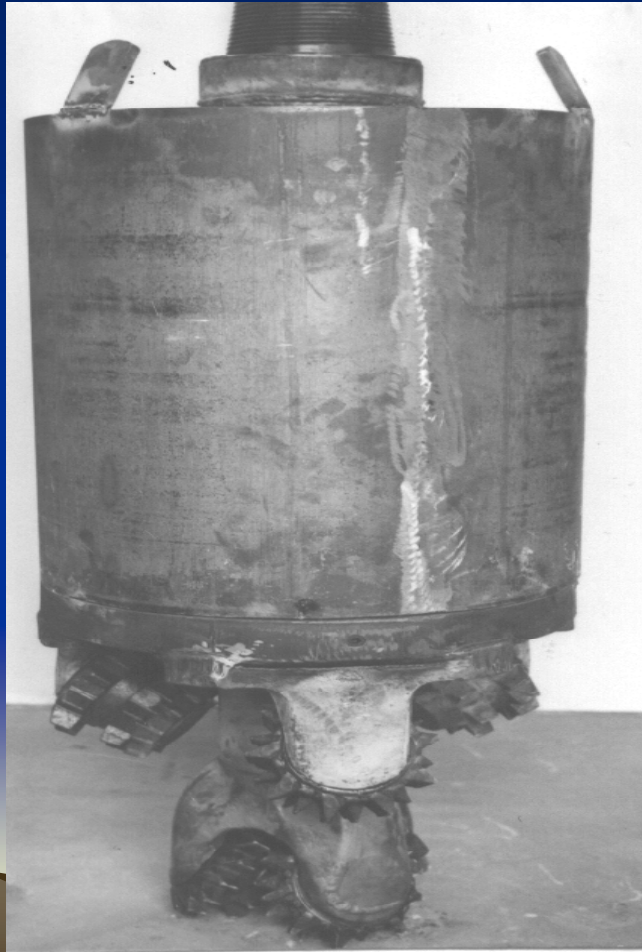
Conical Carbide Teeth



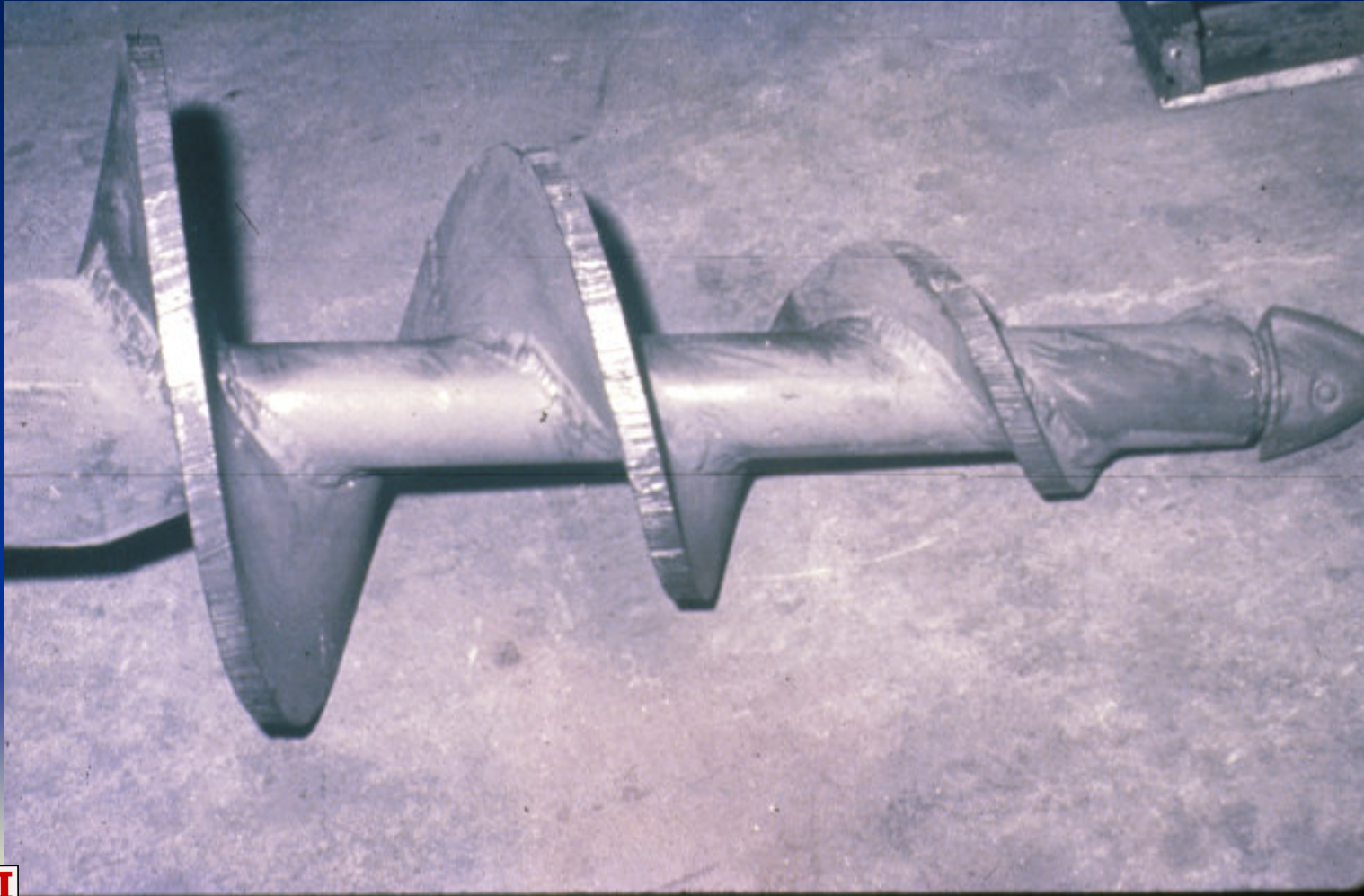
Core Barrel



Other Options in Hard Rock



Boulder “Getter Outer”



Clean-Out Bucket



Belling Tool

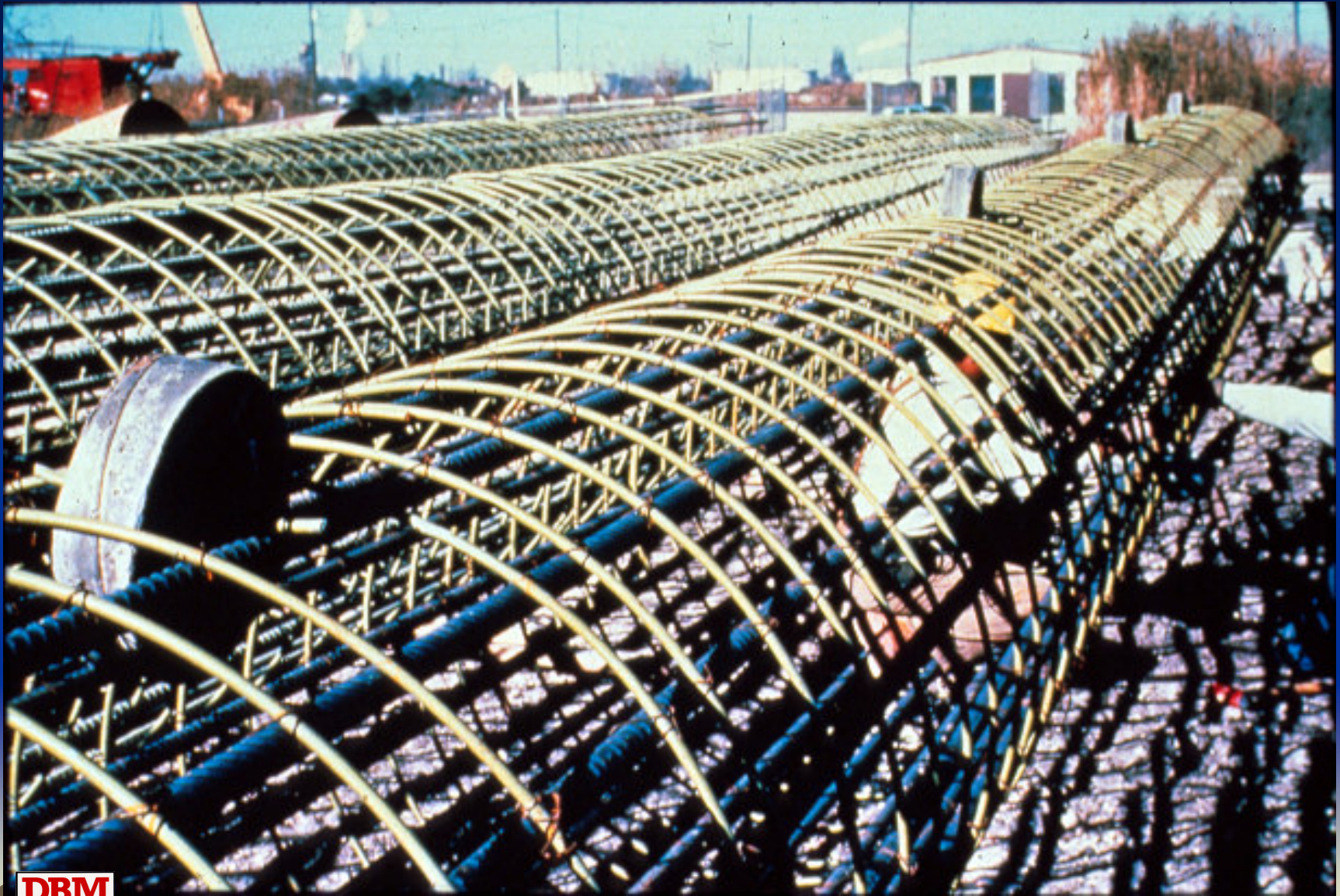


AirLift



STEEL & CONCRETE PLACEMENT



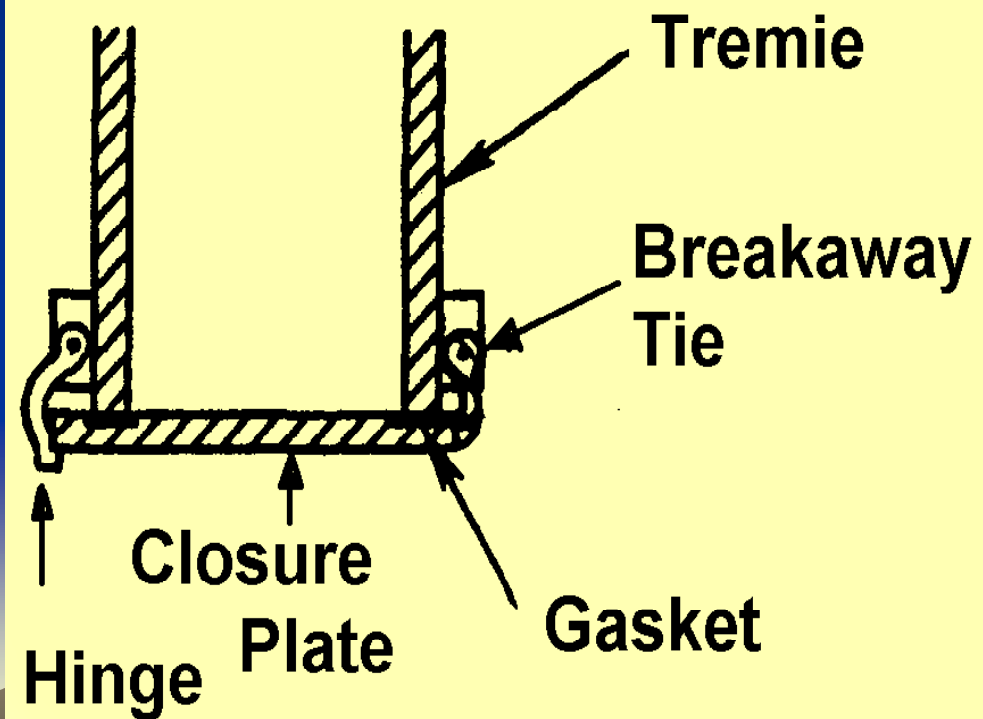






Concrete Placement by Free Fall

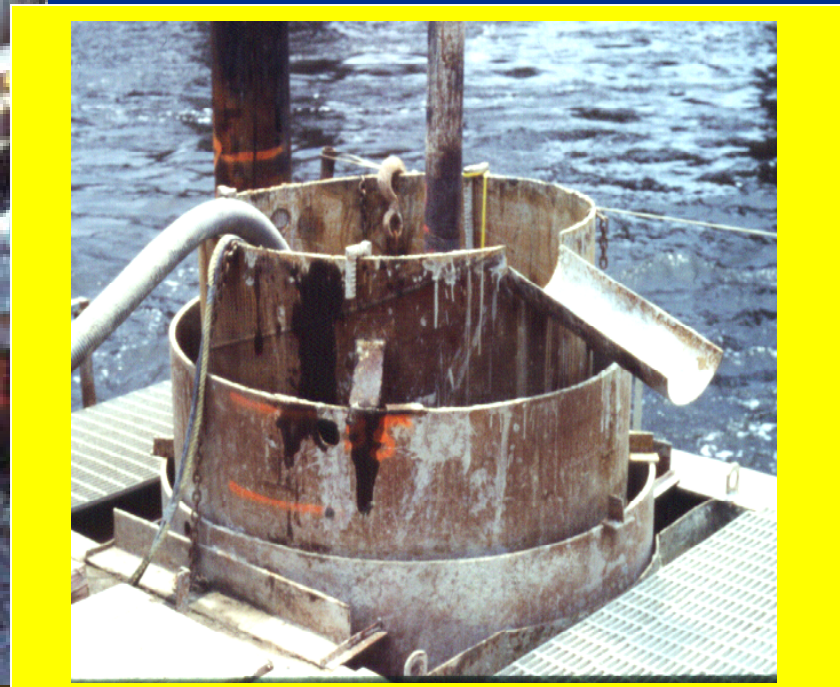
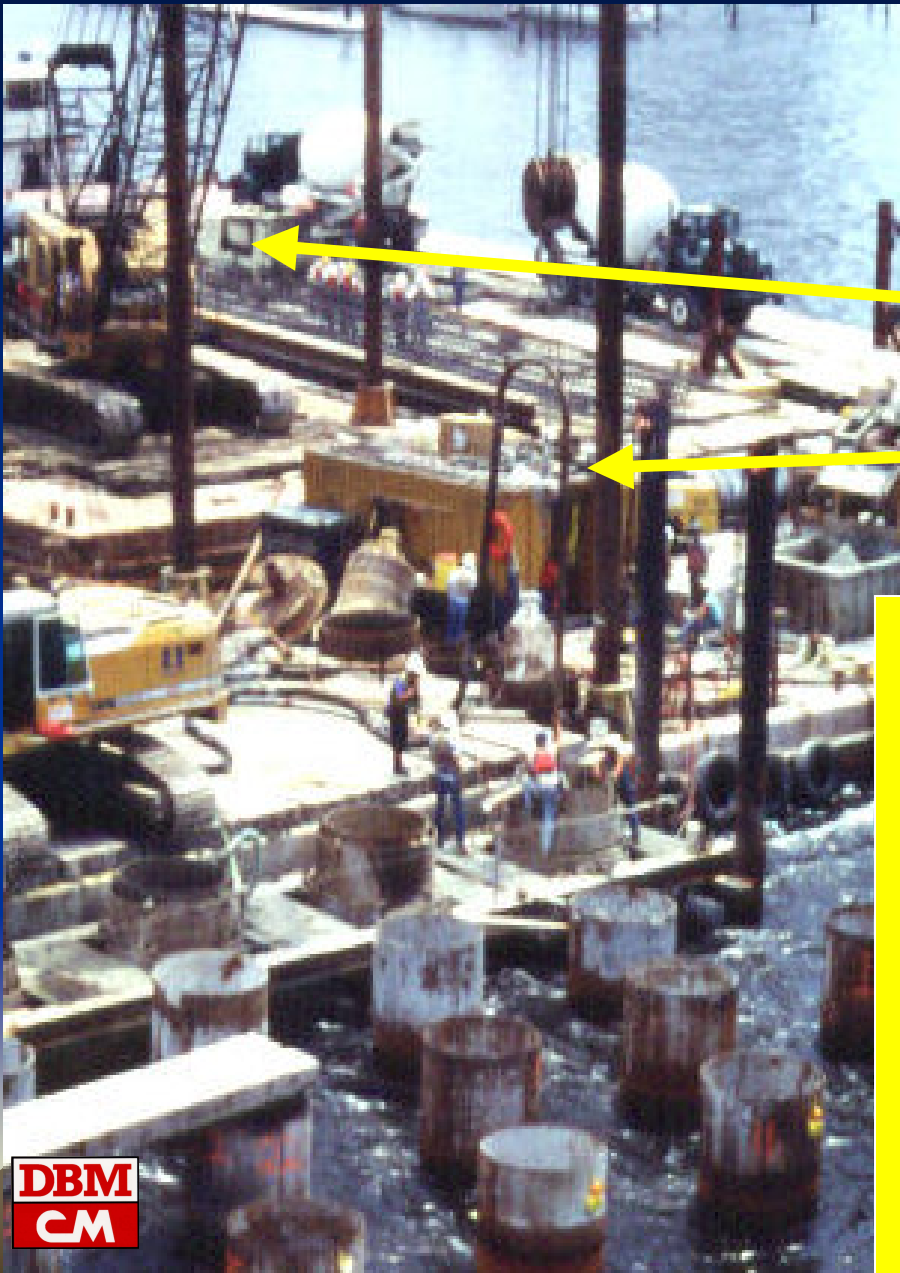
Gravity Tremie Placement



Pump Line Placement

Pump

Pump Line



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